

SECTION 00020

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Rock Hill, South Carolina is seeking competitive bids from qualified contractors for the Filter 4 Underdrain Replacement project. Sealed bids will be received by the Procurement Division of the City of Rock Hill, South Carolina until 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 14, 2022 in the Conference Room of Building 103, of the Operations Center, 757 South Anderson Road, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The bid opening will begin promptly at the time stated above. The bids must be in the Procurement Conference room at the time of the bid opening and it is solely the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid arrives in the correct place on time. No bids will be accepted after the bid opening begins.

Bid documents may be examined at:

- Wiedeman and Singleton, Inc. – 131 East Main Street, Suite 300 Rock Hill, South Carolina, 29730 and
- At the following online plan rooms: Duncan-Parnell (www.dpibidroom.com)

Copies of complete specifications and contract documents may be ordered online for a fee from Duncan-Parnell's online bid room at: www.dpibidroom.com. The estimated cost for a complete printed set of Contract Documents, excluding shipping costs, is \$87.00, a printed set with digital files is \$112.00 and a digital download is \$66.00. Technical questions on bid room operations should be directed to Duncan-Parnell at (800) 849-7708 and ask for an eServices Administrator. Partial sets of the Bidding Documents will not be available. Any Contractor bidding on the project must obtain Contract Documents from Duncan-Parnell as outlined above. A list of plan holders is available from the Engineer (Wiedeman and Singleton, Inc.).

In no event will plans, specifications, and other contract documents be issued later than three (3) days prior to the hour and date set for receiving bids. All bids shall be submitted as set forth in the Instructions to Bidders.

Each bid must be accompanied by a **Bid Guaranty** of not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the amount of the bid, in the manner required by the Instructions to Bidders.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held in advance of the Bid Opening. The pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, but all perspective bidders are encouraged to attend. The Conference is to be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at the Administration Building at the Rock Hill Water Plant, 2102 Cherry Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732. Please park in the front parking lot located off Cherry Road. Parking is limited. Inspection, questions and work review will take place at this

time. The WTP is currently an active construction site; therefore, safety apparel (hard hat, work boots, safety vests) may be required.

The project consists of the demolition of the existing underdrain system in Filter 4 and installing and field-testing replacement gravity filter equipment and media in Filter 4. Filter 4 is a dual-cell water filter (i.e., includes Filter 4A & Filter 4B) and is located at the Rock Hill Water Plant. The gravity filter equipment and filter media has been pre-purchased by the City from WesTech.

Each bidder will be required to submit evidence with their bid that they have sufficient means and experience in the types of work described in the Contract Documents. This evidence shall be in the form of AIA document A305 and the other items addressed in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Bidder states that he understands that the work must be completed (Final Completion) within 120 consecutive calendar days following the Notice to Proceed.

The Bidder understands for the first fourteen (14) days that liquidated damages in the amount of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** shall be assessed for each consecutive calendar for unauthorized delays beyond the contract time and thereafter **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** shall be assessed for each consecutive calendar for unauthorized delays beyond the contract time. The liquidated damages are not a penalty but are for damages resulting to the City since the actual damages would be difficult or impossible to ascertain. Time is of the essence.

No submitted bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

All bidders must comply with all state and local laws, and ordinances regarding fees, licensing and bidding requirements.

The City of Rock Hill reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and irregularities, or to re-advertise for bids.

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